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DELIVER TO NEA/ARN, DAY, AT OPENING OF BUSINESS.

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: POPP LEBANON REPORT

1. NOTHING NEW ON GALLAGHER AND DYKES.

2. YESTERDAY'S CEASEFIRE WAS SHORT LIVED. LAST NIGHT WAS PROBABLY THE NOISEST YET IN CHIAH AND AIN RUMMANEH. FIRE WAS INTENSE AND MORE HEAVY EXPLOSIONS, MORTARS, OR BIG RECOULLESS WERE HEARD THAN EVER BEFORE. REST OF CITY RELATIVELY QUIET. SPORADIC SMALL ARMS FIRE ALL NIGHT IN HOTEL AREA, AND IT IS STILL CONTINUING, OCCASIONALLY PUNCTUATED WITH SOMETHING HEAVIER WHICH I ASSUME TO BE A MORTAR OR A LARGE RIFLE GRENADE.

3. PRINCIPAL PROBLEM NOW IS LOOTING. ONE EMBASSY EMPLOYEE HAS HAD APARTMENT, TWO BLOCKS FROM HOLIDAY INN, COMPLETELY SACKED. SHE FORTUNATELY HAD MOVED OUT. SINGLE FEMALES ARE MY BIGGEST CONCERN.

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4. ST. GEORGE, HOLIDAY INN, AND PHOENICIA ARE STILL
PHALANGE TERRITORY. MOSLEM FORCES APPARENTLY DETER-
MINED TO FORCE THEM OUT.

5. AS OF THE MOMENT, THERE ARE NO RPT NO AMERICANS
WE KNOW OF IN PARTICULARLY INSECURE AREAS. MAJOR
PORTION OF EVACUATION COMPLETED AND TODAY I SHALL
ORDER RPT ORDER REMAINING DEPENDENTS OUT ANDNON-
ESSENTIAL PERSONNEL. LATTER WILL NOT RPT NOT BE
NUMEROUS IN THAT IF WE EVER HAVE TOTAL EVACUATION,
PERSONNEL WILL BE REQUIRED SO WE SHOULD NOT STRIP
DOWN TOO FAR.
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